

**Spencer Town Council Regular Meeting  
August 5th, 2013 at 7p.m  
Municipal Building  
90 N. West Street  
Spencer, IN 47460**

Board Members present: Cynthia Hyde, Jon Stantz, and Dean Bruce

Also present: Clerk-Treasurer Cheryl Moke, Attorney Richard Lorenz, Chief Foutch, Sewer Superintendent John Hodge, and Street Superintendent Larry Parrish.

**MEETING WAS OPENED WITH THE PLEDGE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG**

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR July 15, 2013 REGULAR MEETING**

**Dean Bruce made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Jon Stantz and passed 3-0.**

**IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC ISSUES**

An event registration request was presented by Steve Rice on behalf of the American Legion for a Street Dance to be held on September 21<sup>st</sup>, from 8pm until midnight. They are requesting Main Street be closed in front of their establishment. This event is to be held in conjunction with the Apple Butter Festival, and they are working with their organizers to make sure there is no interference.

**Jon Stantz made a motion to approve the event registration, and to make a one-time exception to the noise ordinance to allow them to play until midnight. The motion was seconded and passed.**

Betty Blaker requested that the Town Board take action to prevent the lot (owned by the county), used by the town for dropping off brush, from being used as a public dump site. The Board discussed what actions could be taken, and thought the first step was to put up a sign stating what the dump could be used for, and what was prohibited. Jon Stantz said that he and Richard Lorenz would follow up with the Commissioners to find out what can be done to remedy this.

Jon Stantz said he discussed with Greg Linton, SOCS Superintendent, about an alternative route for school buses in the mornings. He suggested they be rerouted through 5<sup>th</sup> Street instead of using Hillside.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Chief Foutch reported that Officer Bonebrake and Zeus made a couple of drug related arrests and is becoming instrumental in their work. He reported that two reserves, Daniel Rheinhart, and Brandon Sargent requested a leave of absence until the end of October and September, respectively. He also said he had a couple requests for additions to the active reserves roster. He requested that Jerrod Myers and Ed Hodge be allowed to join.

**Jon Stantz made a motion to grant the leave of absence for Daniel Rheinhart and Brandon Sargent and also approve the addition of Jerrod Myers and Ed Hodge to the active reserve roster. The motions passed.**

Next Officer Foutch presented a proposal for a new copier from Ricoh in the amount of \$3,650 with an additional .005 per copy charge.

**Jon Stantz made a motion to allow Chief Foutch to purchase a Ricoh Aficio MP2852SP for the cost stated above. The motion was passed.**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT/PLANNING & ZONING**

Nothing to report.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE STREET DEPARTMENT**

Superintendent Parrish presented estimates for the 2013 paving project which includes milling and resurfacing parts of Hillside and Franklin, and East Street from the railroad tracks to Cooper.

**Dean Bruce moved to accept the bid from Dave O'Mara in the amount of \$72,020. The motion was seconded and passed.**

Next Mr. Parrish presented a proposal and bids for this year's ADA project to include all four corners at Washington and North Streets as well as pouring a roll curb along Lovers Lane.

Dean Bruce made a motion to accept the lowest bid from Dave O’Mara in the amount of \$15,040. The proposal surpassed the ADA budget of \$10,000 but the Clerk-Treasurer said there were other funds available, if needed, to pay for this.  
**Jon Stantz made a motion to approve the bid for the ADA ramps and the roll curb in the amount of \$15,040 from Dave O’Mara. The motion was seconded and passed.**

Mr. Parrish reported that the stormwater sewer project was going along very well, despite the setback from the problems caused by the recent downpour. There were some modifications to the original plan, but he felt that it had been remedied and everyone seemed satisfied. The final price for the project ended up being \$72,093, which was very close to the original bid. Mr. Kivett was present and complimented everyone involved in this project, with the speed and flexibility shown to resolve it in the best interests of everyone affected.

Mr. Lorenz reported that Pete Withem contacted him regarding an acre of property he owned which he would like to sell to the town. The property is located in the center of town owned property and starts in the center of a drainage ditch. The Board discussed and said they were willing to offer him \$2,000 to gain control of the undivided parcel and to eliminate any problems that could pop up later.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE SEWER DEPARTMENT**

Superintendent John Hodge reported on the operations and maintenance of the plant and equipment.

Richard Lorenz spoke about the connectors needed to be installed for the 43 project. He recommended that because of the additional cost, the Town wait for responses from the residents before they take any action to install these.

John Hodge submitted a proposal from Town & Country Autos for a 2014 Ram 1500 4WD Crew Cab. The total cost for this truck is \$27,607.50. In addition to this, he said it would require a wench be installed.  
**Jon Stantz made a motion to purchase the 2014 Dodge Ram 1500 4 WD Crew Cab for the price quoted. The motion was seconded and passed.**

**IN THE MATTER OF PLANNING/ZONING**

Cynthia Hyde reported that she filled the vacant position for the BZA. Gordon Wells has agreed to do it.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ATTORNEY**

Mr. Lorenz reported that the Hendricks property would be sold later this month in a sheriff’s sale. There was some discussion about the property at Clay and Main Street. The house went into foreclosure, and additionally, but it may need to be condemned to force the issue. Mr. Lorenz said he would get an updated status on it. Chief Foutch agreed to make a list of properties that are abandoned, or otherwise creating a nuisance, so that something could be done to address this growing issue.

**IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS**

Jon Stantz updated the Board on the street lighting project for INDOT. He reported that there would be a kick-off meeting with INDOT and GRW in the next week. Larry and Cynthia Hyde will attend.

In the matter of reduced speed limits, Richard Lorenz reminded the Town that these cannot be done until there is a traffic study done first.

**IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS**

No new business

**IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS**

Claims were presented for approval.  
Dean Bruce made a motion to approve the claims as presented. It was seconded and passed 3-0.

**IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT**

Dean Bruce motioned to adjourn at 8:40p.m.

Attest:\_\_\_\_\_

Cheryl Moke, Clerk-Treasurer